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International Authorizations Granted

Section 214 Applications (47 CFR §§ 63.18, 63.24); Section 310(b) Petitions (47 CFR § 1.5000)

The following applications have been granted pursuant to the Commission's processing procedures set forth in sections 63.12, 63.20 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 63.12, 63.20, other provisions of the Commission's rules, or procedures set forth in an earlier public notice listing the applications as accepted for filing.

Unless otherwise noted, these grants authorize the applicants: (1) to become a facilities-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.22; and/or (2) to become a resale-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.23; (3) to assign or transfer control of international section 214 authority in accordance with 47 CFR § 63.24; or (4) to exceed the foreign ownership benchmarks applicable to common carrier radio licensees under 47 U.S.C. § 310(b); see Subpart T of Part 1 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.5000-5004.

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SERVES AS EACH NEWLY AUTHORIZED CARRIER'S SECTION 214 CERTIFICATE. It contains general and specific conditions, which are set forth below. Newly authorized carriers should carefully review the terms and conditions of their authorizations. Failure to comply with general or specific conditions of an authorization, or with other relevant Commission rules and policies, could result in fines and forfeitures.

Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, in regard to the grant of any of these applications may be filed within thirty days of this public notice (see 47 CFR § 1.4(b)(2)).

ITC-214-20221005-00121 E Xtel Communications, Inc.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/02/2022

Xtel Communications, Inc. (Xtel) filed an application for authority to provide resale service in accordance with section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR § 63.18(e)(2).

Xtel, a New Jersey corporation, is owned by Diane Flynn (10%), Liz Sorino (37%), and Brian Flynn (53%), all U.S. citizens.

The Applicant filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) related to this transaction (ITC-STA-20221020-00129), which was granted on November 4, 2022.

The grant of this application is without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or the Commission's rules.

Transfer of Control

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/02/2022

Current Licensee: MTC Long Distance, Inc.**FROM:** MTC Long Distance, Inc.**TO:** ABAC Alabama Inc.

MTC Long Distance, Inc. (MTC LD), an Alabama corporation that holds an international section 214 authorization (ITC-214-20040831-00344), filed an application to transfer control of MTC LD to ABAC Alabama Inc. (ABAC). MTC LD is a wholly owned by Moundville Communications Inc. (Moundville Communications), an Alabama corporation that is owned by Richard Scott Taylor (82%) and Jami Taylor King (18%). Pursuant to a September 15, 2022 stock purchase agreement, ABAC will acquire 100% of the stock of Moundville Communications from Mr. Taylor and Ms. King. Upon consummation, Moundville Communications and MTC LD will become direct and indirect subsidiaries of ABAC respectively.

ABAC is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of American Broadband Holding Company (American Broadband), both Delaware corporations. American Broadband is a wholly owned by ABC Acquisition Inc., which in turn is wholly owned by ABC Intermediate Inc., both Delaware entities. ABC Intermediate Inc. is wholly owned by ABC Parent Holdings L.P. (ABC Parent Holdings), a Delaware entity.

The 10% or greater owners of ABC Parent Holdings are: ABC Parent Holdings GP LLC (ABC Parent Holdings GP) (100% voting interest) and MDCP VIII ABC Intermediate LP (MDCP VIII), (approx. 89.3% equity interest as a limited partner), both Delaware entities. Catania ABC Partners L.P. and MDCP VIII each hold a 50% voting interest in ABC Parent Holdings GP.

Catania ABC Partners GP LLC (Catania ABC Partners GP) is the general partner of Catania ABC Partners L.P. (100% voting), both Delaware entities. Richard S. Parisi, a U.S. citizen, has a 75.1% voting interest in Catania ABC Partners GP and a 50% equity interest in Catania ABC Partners L.P. Nicholas Vantzelfde, a U.S. citizen, has a 24.9% voting interest in Catania ABC Partners GP and a 50% equity interest in Catania ABC Partners L.P.

The limited partners of MDCP VIII are: Madison Dearborn Capital Partners VIII-A, L.P. (MDP VIII-A) (approx. 59.5%); Madison Dearborn Capital Partners VIII-C, L.P. (MDP VIII-C) (approx. 30.9%); Madison Dearborn Capital Partners VIII Executive-A, L.P. (MDP VIII Exec-A) (approx. 4.8%); and Madison Dearborn Capital Partners VIII Executive-A2, L.P. (MDP VIII Exec-A2) (approx. 4.8%), all Delaware entities. Madison Dearborn Partners VIII-A&C, L.P. (MDP VIII-A&C), a Delaware entity, is the general partner (100% voting interest) of MDCP VIII, MDP VIII-A, MDP VIII-C, MDP VIII Exec-A and MDP VIII Exec-A2. Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC (MDP), a Delaware entity, is the general partner (100% voting) of MDP VIII-A&C. Samuel Menco and Paul Finnegan, both U.S. citizens, each hold a 50% voting interest in MDP.

The Applicants state that no other individual or entity will hold a 10% or greater equity or voting interest in ABAC or MTC LD.

This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

Transfer of Control

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/06/2022

Current Licensee: Midcontinent Communications**FROM:** Midcontinent Media, Inc.**TO:** Midcontinent Media, Inc.

On October 26, 2022, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent), a South Dakota general partnership that holds an international section 214 authorization (ITC-214-20010606-00327), filed a notification regarding the pro forma transfer of control of Midcontinent, effective September 27, 2022. The Applicants filed supplements on November 14, 2022 and November 29, 2022.

Midcontinent Communications Investor, LLC (MCI), a South Dakota entity, has a 50% ownership interest in Midcontinent and controls Midcontinent as its managing partner. The other 50% ownership in Midcontinent is held by Comcast Midcontinent, LLC, and is not subject to this pro forma transaction.

The pro forma transaction occurred from a transfer of voting stock in Midcontinent Media Inc. (MMI), the direct parent of MCI. Prior to the transaction, Patrick J. McAdaragh and Steven E. Grosser, both U.S. citizens, each held a 50% interest in MMI. On September 27, 2022, Patrick J. McAdaragh's individual interest in MMI was transferred to the Patrick J. McAdaragh Revocable Trust, a Minnesota entity. Patrick J. McAdaragh is the trustee and sole beneficiary of the trust. At the same time, Steven E. Grosser's individual interest in MMI was transferred to the Steven E. Grosser Revocable Trust, A Minnesota entity. Steven E. Grosser is the trustee and sole beneficiary of the trust.

INFORMATIVE**ITC-T/C-20221020-00137**

Square Mobile, Inc.

On December 5, 2022, Square Mobile, Inc. notified the Commission that it is withdrawing its application for transfer of control filed on October 20, 2022.

SURRENDER

ITC-214-20130408-00100

Synety Group PLC

By letter filed on December 6, 2022, Synety Group PLC notified the Commission that it surrendered its international section 214 authorization effective December 6, 2022.

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS

- (1) These authorizations are subject to the Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations, which identifies restrictions on providing service to particular countries or using particular facilities. The most recent Exclusion List is at the end of this Public Notice. The list applies to all U.S. international carriers, including those that have previously received global or limited global Section 214 authority, whether by Public Notice or specific written order. Carriers are advised that the attached Exclusion List is subject to amendment at any time pursuant to the procedures set forth in Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118, 11 FCC Rcd 12884 (1996), para. 18. A copy of the current Exclusion List is maintained in the FCC Reference Information Center and is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/exclusion-list-international-section-214-authorizations>. It is also attached to each Public Notice that grants international Section 214 authority.
- (2) The export of telecommunications services and related payments to countries that are subject to economic sanctions may be restricted. For information concerning current restrictions, call the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2520.
- (3) Carriers shall comply with the requirements of Section 63.11 of the Commission's rules, which requires notification by, and in certain circumstances prior notification by, U.S. carriers acquiring an affiliation with foreign carriers. A carrier that acquires an affiliation with a foreign carrier will be subject to possible reclassification as a dominant carrier on an affiliated route pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.10 of the rules.
- (4) A carrier may provide switched services over its authorized resold private lines in the circumstances specified in Section 63.23(d) of the rules, 47 CFR § 63.23(d).
- (5) Carriers shall comply with the "No Special Concessions" rule, Section 63.14, 47 CFR § 63.14.
- (6) Carriers regulated as dominant for the provision of a particular communications service on a particular route for any reason other than a foreign carrier affiliation under Section 63.10 of the rules shall file tariffs pursuant to Section 203 of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 203, and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR Part 61. Carriers shall not otherwise file tariffs except as permitted by Section 61.19 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.19. Except as specified in Section 20.15 with respect to commercial mobile radio service providers, carriers regulated as non-dominant, as defined in Section 61.3, and providing detariffed international services pursuant to Section 61.19, must comply with all applicable public disclosure and maintenance of information requirements in Sections 42.10 and 42.11.
- (7) International facilities-based service providers must file and maintain a list of U.S.-international routes on which they have direct termination arrangements with a foreign carrier. 47 CFR § 63.22(h). A new international facilities-based service provider or one without existing direct termination arrangements must file its list within thirty (30) days of entering into a direct termination arrangement(s) with a foreign carrier(s). Thereafter, international facilities-based service providers must update their lists within thirty (30) days after adding a termination arrangement for a new foreign destination or discontinuing an arrangement with a previously listed destination. See Process For The Filing Of Routes On Which International Service Providers Have Direct Termination Arrangements With A Foreign Carrier, ITC-MS-20181015-00182, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 10008 (IB 2018).
- (8) Any U.S. Carrier that owned or leased bare capacity on a submarine cable between the United States and any foreign point must file a Circuit Capacity Report to provide information about the submarine cable capacity it holds. 47 CFR § 43.82(a)(2). See <https://www.fcc.gov/circuit-capacity-data-us-international-submarine-cables>.
- (9) Carriers should consult Section 63.19 of the rules when contemplating a discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service.
- (10) If any carrier is reselling service obtained pursuant to a contract with another carrier, the services obtained by contract shall be made generally available by the underlying carrier to similarly situated customers at the same terms, conditions and rates. 47 U.S.C. § 203.
- (11) To the extent the applicant is, or is affiliated with, an incumbent independent local exchange carrier, as those terms are defined in Section 64.1902 of the rules, it shall provide the authorized services in compliance with the requirements of Section 64.1903.

(12) Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission, a carrier authorized here to provide facilities-based service that (i) is classified as dominant under Section 63.10 of the rules for the provision of such service on a particular route and (ii) is affiliated with a carrier that collects settlement payments for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of that route may not provide facilities-based switched service on that route unless the current rates the affiliate charges U.S. international carriers to terminate traffic are at or below the Commission's relevant benchmark adopted in International Settlement Rates, IB Docket No. 96-261, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997). See also Report and Order on Reconsideration and Order Lifting Stay in IB Docket No. 96-261, FCC 99-124 (rel. June 11, 1999). For the purposes of this rule, "affiliated" and "foreign carrier" are defined in Section 63.09.

(13) Carriers shall comply with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), see 47 CFR §§ 1.20000 et seq.

(14) Every carrier must designate an agent for service in the District of Columbia. See 47 U.S.C. § 413, 47 CFR §§ 1.47(h), 64.1195.

Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations

The following is a list of countries and facilities not covered by grant of global Section 214 authority under Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 63.18(e)(1). Carriers desiring to serve countries or use facilities listed as excluded hereon shall file a separate Section 214 application pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules. See 47 CFR § 63.22(c).

Countries:

None.

Facilities:

Any non-U.S.-licensed space station that has not received Commission approval to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the procedures adopted in the Commission's DISCO II Order, IB Docket No. 96-111, Report and Order, FCC 97-399, 12 FCC Rcd 24094, 24107-72 paragraphs 30-182 (1997) (DISCO II Order). Information regarding non-U.S.-licensed space stations approved to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the Commission's DISCO II procedures is maintained at <https://www.fcc.gov/approved-space-station-list>.

This list is subject to change by the Commission when the public interest requires. The most current version of the list is maintained at <https://www.fcc.gov/exclusion-list-international-section-214-authorizations>.

For additional information, contact the International Bureau's Telecommunications and Analysis Division, (202) 418-1480.